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**DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH  
PROGRAM EQUIPMENT GRANTS OFFERED**

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(BOISE) – The Idaho State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs is now accepting National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Grant Applications from School Food Authorities (SFAs) throughout the state of Idaho.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has awarded Idaho \$140,066 under the authority of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Agriculture Appropriations Act. Grant funds will be allocated to SFAs based on a competitive grant process.

NSLP equipment grant funds can be used to improve the quality of school meals, the overall energy efficiency of the school food service operations, the safety of food served, and/or expand participation in the NSLP.

To be considered for grant funds SFAs must:

- Operate the NSLP.
- Submit a complete Equipment Grant Application to the State agency (SA) by April 19, 2016.
- Three comparable equipment bids must be submitted with the grant application. (Note: capital equipment is defined as having an acquisition cost of at least \$5,000, including delivery, installation and a useful life of more than one year; unless the SFA has a lower capital equipment threshold.)
- SFAs must adhere to all federal, state and local procurement regulations.

All schools are encouraged to apply:

- Additional consideration (priority) will be given to schools that have more than 50% of students eligible for free/reduced priced meals.
- Additional consideration (priority) will be given to SFAs that did not receive NSLP Equipment Grant Awards in the past (as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, FY 2010, FY 2014 Equipment Grant, and FY 2015 Equipment Grant).
- All SFAs that were granted a Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) waiver for school year 2015-16 and/or with greater than a three-month operating balance must provide an explanation as to why grant funds are requested.

Grant awards will be announced on or before May 6, 2016.

The SA recommends that all procurement and expenditure activities be completed within six (6) months of grant award. All grant funds must be fully expended by the SFA by May 31, 2017.

The grant application is available at: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/topics/grant-opportunities/index.html>. For more information, call Child Nutrition Programs at 208-332-6820.



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## **Additional Grant Award Opportunity**

This year USDA has a new initiative with the National Football League and National Dairy Council's Fuel Up to Play 60 (FUTP60) program to provide additional funding opportunities to help schools upgrade their kitchen equipment and infrastructure. These grants will help move millions of America's youth from hungry to healthy through the provision of additional resources to schools to meet the updated national nutrition standards, by helping to serve meals with more whole grains, fruits, vegetables, lean protein and low-fat dairy, and less sodium and fat.

**The FUTP60 opportunity is a separate grant announcement from this RFA; SFAs are encouraged to apply directly to FUTP60 through:**

<https://www.fueluptoplay60.com/funding/general-information>.

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